

LOCK IT

- Lock up and take the keys with you.
- Make sure all easy to carry items like water skis and camping gear are locked up before leaving your vehicle.

CHAIN IT

- Vehicles carried on trailers should be secured with a strong chain and padlock.
- When a trailer is not attached to your car, secure it with a heavy chain and lock to a stationary object.
- Chain your motorcycle or snowmobile to a stationary object such as a lamppost or sewer grating. Even when your vehicle is in the garage, use a heavy chain and padlock that resists conventional steel hacksaw blades.



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

We invite you to join the partnership. You can become a Reserve Police Officer, join a Community Neighborhood Watch Group, attend the Citizen's Police Academy, become a Police Volunteer, participate in a citizen ride-along or just communicate your concerns and ideas to our Officers.

Together, we can make a difference!

For more information contact:

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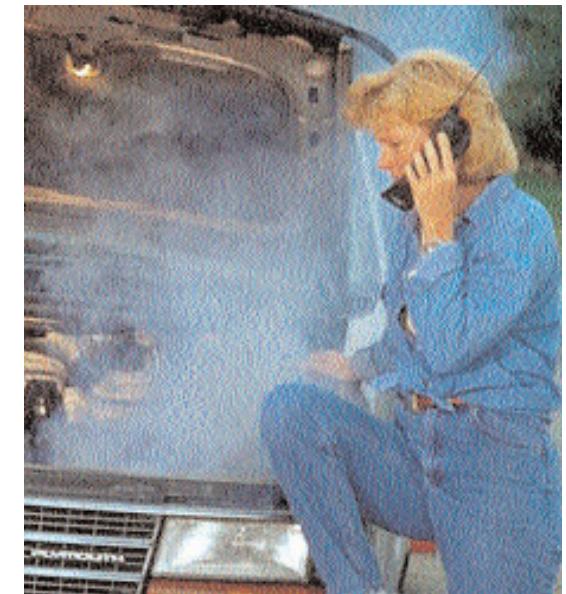
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VEHICLE SECURITY
MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

IF YOU ARE BEING FOLLOWED

Go to the closest Police or Fire Station or to a busy, public location and call for help.

YOU CAN HELP PREVENT CAR THEFT!

Though professional car thieves have entered the field in increasing numbers, most cars are still taken by amateurs who can be stopped fairly easily. You can greatly increase your protection against this type of crime by taking the following sensible precautions.

LOCK UP

- An unlocked care is an open invitation to a car thief. Lock up whenever you leave your car, and take the keys with you.
- Lock the trunk and/or tailgate.
- Close all windows - professional thieves have tools that help unlock cars through a minimum of open space.
- When you park the car, remove stereo faceplates or other valued possessions from the car. Do not leave gift wrapped packages or bags / suitcases, regardless of what they contain. Lock all valuables in your trunk or take them with you.

PARK CAREFULLY

- Avoid leaving an auto unattended in public parking lots for an extended period of time. A car is five times more likely to be stolen from an unattended lot than from the street or an attended lot.
- If possible, park your car in a lot where you don't have to leave your keys.

- Never attach a tag with your name and address to your key ring. If the keys are lost or stolen, the tag will lead the thief directly to your car - and your home. If you have to leave your keys with a parking attendant, only leave the ignition key.
- At night, park in well lighted areas with pedestrian traffic.
- Whenever possible, turn wheels sharply toward the curb when parking, making it extra difficult for thieves to tow your car.

USE "ANTI-THEFT" DEVICES

Consider the purchase and installation of security devices, such as:

- Interior hood lock and release.
- A second ignition switch or "kill switch" that prevents electrical current from reaching coil distributor.
- A fuel switch that prevents fuel from reaching the carburetor.
- A locking gas cap.
- Locking devices for batteries, wheels, etc.
- An alarm device that will activate a siren, horn or lights - or all three - to frighten the thief away before he is able to steal your car.

HOW TO PREVENT THEFT OF OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES

Theft of snowmobiles, motorcycles, boats, and trails bikes are also increasing. Many of the same precautions that apply to cars and bicycles also apply to recreational vehicles.